

Sustainable Southampton Committee

January 19, 2010

Committee Members in Attendance: Tip Brolin (Chair), Dorothy Reilly, Rick Stodt, Bob DeLuca, Sheryl Heather, Ann Reisman, Jennifer Garvey (Representing Anna Throne-Holst) and Dieter von Lehsten

Committee Members Not in Attendance: Nancy Graboski, Tony Panza and Janice Scherer

Also in Attendance: Kate Schertel (Group for the East End) and Tom Neely (Director of Transportation, Southampton Town)

Adoption of Minutes: Bob DeLuca made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2009 and January 5, 2010 meetings, Dorothy Reilly seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Sustainability Coordinator Update: Tip Brolin reported that two people have been identified as candidates for the position of Sustainability Coordinator. These individuals will be interviewed by the Town Board on Friday, January 22nd and a decision will be made soon after.

Formula Grant Money: Karin Johnson, the Town's grants person, has identified a project officer who will find out the status of the grant money. This would ensure that the money is available when the Sustainability Coordinator arrives as a member of the Town's staff.

Report to Town Board: Tip Brolin will present a status report to the Town Board on Thursday, January 21st. The summary report has been circulated to committee members and they were invited to comment. Tip asked members to share accomplishments of the committee, which would be included on one of the slides. Jennifer Garvey suggested including the topic of Poxabogue Golf Course turf management, so the full Town Board can weigh in on this issue. Tip agreed to address the issue.

Commercial Energy Code: Tip Brolin reported that a public hearing is scheduled to consider this legislation on February 9th. Many leaders from the building and architectural community have agreed to attend and testify in support of the legislation. Sheryl Heather agreed to secure a member of the Business Alliance to testify in support as well. **Tip noted that he will ask Paul Rogers for information about whether there are issues with "sick house syndrome."**

Anti-Idling Ordinance: Sheryl Heather reported that the Business Alliance meeting was cancelled for last week, so she has not confirmed their position on this issue. **She agreed to confirm support from the business community, find a Town Board sponsor for the legislation and develop signage recommendations.** Sheryl will e-mail her report to the committee and asked everyone to provide comments. The committee will vote on this issue at the next meeting.

On a related issue, Ric Stott suggested changing traffic lights to blinking yellow during certain hours when there is less traffic. Tom Neely noted there are some state laws associated with the regulation of traffic lights, which should be investigated before a recommendation is made. **Ric will look into this.**

Intern Report: Ann Reisman reported that she and Jennifer Garvey have been collaborating on the possibility of providing space and supervision for an intern from Stony Brook Southampton. Jennifer reported there is a desk and computer available in General Services. In relation to the Municipal

Vehicle Inventory, Ann shared a draft syllabus for the internship. Two applicants have come forward and these people will be contacted with more information to find out if they are interested.

Regarding the ICLEI software, Rick Stott suggested contacting Southampton Village staff. The Village is currently entering data into the ICLEI software, so they may have insights that would be helpful to this process.

Committee Planning: **Ann Reisman indicated she will present a general summary of the committee's ideas at the next meeting.** The overarching plan will guide the committee's work into the future and set specific goals.

Education Intern: Dorothy Reilly reported on the education subcommittee's progress in developing an Educational Outreach internship syllabus for the Town. The intern would be responsible for using various social media, web communications, etc. to disseminate information about the Town's sustainability efforts.

Dorothy reported that the education subcommittee plans to meet on the first Tuesday of the month from 2:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and the third Tuesday of the month from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The first focus of the subcommittee will be to create an outreach plan for Sustainable Southampton.

Town-owned Land: **Dorothy Reilly will reach out to the committee for their input on how vacant Town-owned land should be utilized.**

Wind Turbines: **Tip Brolin discussed the subject of utilizing wind energy within the Town and reported he will meet with Marty Shea regarding the Town Code to determine if any changes are required.** Tip noted that he feels the Town code may be slightly weak in this matter. Rick Stott suggested changing the requirement to reflect property area, rather than zoning of the property. Anna Throne-Holst noted that wetland setbacks must also be addressed.

Town Board Member Meetings: Tip Brolin will continue to reach out to Town Board members regarding their views on sustainability within the Town. He agreed to mention this at the next Town Board work session.

Residential Energy Efficiency Program: Tip Brolin reported that he and Anna Throne-Holst spoke with the North Sea Community Association and made a presentation on the Residential Energy Efficiency Program (REEP). This presentation will be covered on SEA-TV and in the Southampton Press. The Sustainability Coordinator will continue this work of promoting the program.

New Business: Kate Schertel asked whether the committee needed to continue maintaining an outside web site and there was a consensus to begin utilizing only the Town's site moving forward, now that it has been updated. She agreed to arrange a time to meet with the Town's Information Technology staff (Tara Cody and Ross Baldwin) regarding the content available on the Sustainable Southampton page of the Town's web site.

Tom Neely agreed to remain involved with the committee regarding recommendations on transportation issues.

Jennifer Garvey presented the committee with an example Request for Proposals document from Babylon for an ESCO contract. She also indicated a procurement policy for energy efficient vehicles

would be completed by Sandra Circione at the end of February.

As there was no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.